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# TILDEN TOPICS

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Are We.

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## 298 Students Receive Diplomas At Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises for the 1961 graduation class will be held in January 30, in Tilden's auditorium.

The program, in keeping with tradition, will feature a valedictorian address to be delivered by Beverly Kerish, and select pieces by the chorus and orchestra. The welcome address will be given by Francine Dick, president of the Senior Class.

Awards will be presented in special and general fields of achievement, cooperation in government and service.

The exact program is not available as the paper goes to press, but it will basically be the same as last June's graduation. It will commence with a

### Journalists Address High School Editors

"It is the place of a school newspaper to take a stand on controversial issues," declared Mr. Howard Colson, Youth Director for the New York Journal-American, at the January 11 meeting of the High School Press Council.

Miss Atr Baer, columnist and feature writer for the Journal-American, was interviewed by Suellen Safir of Erasmus Hall High School and Jeff Katz of DeWitt Clinton at this press meeting.

This interview was part of a seminar in interview techniques designed to serve as a laboratory for gaining journalistic experience and special guidance.

Mr. Colson evaluated the model interview and added helpful hints regarding the art of interviewing. In his opinion, the most successful interviews are obtained by reporters who know what information they are after.

Miss Baer, a Barnard graduate, comes from a long line of newspaper people. She feels that the people coming into the field of journalism nowadays are much better prepared for work, but tend to consider it a stepping stone to Madison Avenue.

processional march of the 290 graduates filing into the auditorium, and be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America." After these opening ceremonies will be the welcoming address and the presentation of the class gift, vocal selections, the valedictory address, presentation of honors and awards, presentation of candidates for diplomas, conferring of diplomas, the singing of "Hail Tilden High," and the concluding recessional march.

This year a new declaration will be printed on the programs. It will be recited by the graduates thus omitting the controversial loyalty oath. A part of the pledge is:

"We the graduates of Tilden High School grateful to our city, state and nation for the opportunity we have had to grow and develop as free citizens in a free society . . . declare our devotion to the traditions and ideals that have brought greatness and expanding freedom to the citizens of our country."

The Tilden War Memorial Scholarships are presented by the President of the Parent-Teachers Association. Honors and awards are bestowed by Miss Rebecca F. Grand and Mr. Albert C. Zahn, Tilden's administrative assistants.

## Top 'Topics' Editors Select Rothberg, Safransky, Vitale

In the annual *Topics* "spring cleaning" appointments, Susan Rothberg and Seymour Safransky were chosen Editors-in-Chief, and Leonard Zwerling was selected Editor Emeritus. This term, Leonard was Editor-in-Chief and Susan and Seymour were the Managing Editors. All are previous News and Managing Editors.

Aurora Vitale was selected Managing Editor and together with Susan, will co-author our *Topics* "gossip" column, "Inside Tilden."

The News Editors' positions will be filled by Gary Gilbert and Charles Sanford. Gary is our present News Editor and Charles is the Circulation Manager.

Holding down the Feature Editors' jobs will be Robert Kessler, our present "ace" Feature Editor, and Anita Locke, the Art Editor.

Remaining as co-Sports Editors will be Arnold Fleischer and Jill Considine. The Associate Sports Editor, Robert Silver, is also marking time.



Left to right: Safransky, Vitale, Rothberg, Zwerling.

Andrea Smernoff, our present Art Editor, and a newcomer, David Abraham, will serve as co-Art Editors.

The Photographers who will work for us next term will be Sam Aaron, Bruce Mesh, Arnold Torchin, and Robert Traum.

Mr. Arnold Schwartz, our faculty advisor, expressed his hope for a successful term of *Topics* with the new staff.

### In Memoriam

On behalf of the Tilden student body, we of *Tilden Topics* wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of Michael Braverman, Albert Heffner and Joseph Shyman, who died in a tragic automobile accident on December 30, 1960.

Michael Braverman and Joseph Shyman were Tilden alumni. Both had graduated in the June 1960 class. Michael and Joseph were freshmen at New York University and New York Community College, respectively.

Al Heffner, a Tilden senior, was an ex-Photography Editor of *Topics*. He was to graduate at the end of January.

The tragedy occurred on the Meadow Brook Parkway.

### Aristonians Elect Goldfield, Lehrer

Elections for Arista officers of the Spring 1961 term were held on January 13, 1960. The winning candidates were David Goldfield, Marion Lerrer, Alan Kay, and Beverly Schreiber, as boy leader, girl leader, treasurer, and secretary, respectively.

They will take over the offices now held by Lewis Coopersmith, Beverly Kerish, David Goldfield, and Susan Rosler.

David Goldfield, former treasurer of the Honor Society, was the leader of Neophyte Sing in his junior year. He is now a member of the Arista bowling team, plays first cello in the orchestra, and manages the Arista basketball team.

Marion Lehrer has been a member of Sing for three years and is currently on the literary staff of *Caravan*.

Alan Kay is the chairman of the Arista coaching committee, the editor-in-chief of *The Tilden Scientist*, a captain of the field squad, co-ordinator of the Arista bowling teams and was co-leader of Neophyte Sing in the fall 1960 term.

Beverly Schreiber, a junior, was a member of Sing, the Arista coaching squad, and the *Neophyte News* editorial staff.

### Dramatists Cast For Spring Comedy

Mr. Joel Dick of the Speech Department has just completed casting for the department's second annual production, "The Man Who Came to Dinner." He will be assisted by Mrs. Patricia Miller.

Lewis Coopersmith has been chosen to play the part of Sheridan Whiteside, the main character.

Maggie Cutler, his secretary, will be portrayed by Diana Turk. The parts of Lorraine Sheldon and Burt Jefferson, actress and newspaper reporter, will be filled by Susan Reif and Alan Udoff respectively.

Others selected as members of the cast are Janie Baum, Jeffrey Bernstein, Arlene Brenner, Fred Fassman, Hank Garvin, Stanley Gibell, Jeffrey Goldberg, Harvey Hacker, Pearl Horn, Harvey Levenson, Arthur Montuoro, Myra Pagent, Robert Safirstein, Michael Seletsky, Steve Small, and Adele Szper.

Elaine Strugatch was selected as stage manager to be assisted by Mickey Pearl. Paul Baumrind was chosen as costume supervisor and shares the responsibility of publicity with Susan Rothberg. Anita Locke will be in charge of props.

## Senior Candidates Vie For Class Positions



Standing: Margolis, Smolansky, Kozak, Baum, Brownfeld, Gorin, Dorin. Kneeling: Berman, Loger.

The June graduating class of 1961 will elect its senior officers for the term on Feb. 9. Voting will take place in the senior official classes.

Candidates for the office of President are Janie Baum 7R and Jeffery Loger 7J. Jeffery was Sing pianist for the past three years. Janie Baum, choral leader of Sing for three years, is captain of the cheerleaders and a member of the Tilden Orchestra.

Vying for the position of Vice President are Mark Berman 7K, Nina Dorin 7R, and Suzanne Kozak 7R. Nina was a chairman of the scenery committee of Senior Sing. Suzanne participates in the Tilden Band, as does Mark Berman. Suzanne is also a member of Arista.

### Tilden Publications In Production

It has been announced by their respective faculty advisers that the new issues of *Caravan*, *Polyglot*, and *The Aristonian* are now in the process of formation.

*Polyglot*, the publication from the foreign language department, is tentatively set to come out by the middle of next term. The editor-in-chief, Joy Norflus; Spanish editors, Sharon Rosenfeld and Jane Goren; Hebrew editors, Edwin Goodgold and Alan Udoff; and French editors, Miriam Engelsohn, Henrietta Margolis, and Diane Youner have urged all students to submit articles either in the foreign languages or in English, provided these are connected with their respective foreign countries.

The format will remain the same as in past issues, emphasis being placed on humorous and cultural material. Promising lower termers are advised to join the staff, as there are positions available for editorships in the coming terms. See Dr. Schwartz, the faculty adviser, if you are interested.

#### Literary Magazine

*Caravan*, Tilden's literary magazine, will publish its fifth anniversary issue in the spring. The publication, under the direction of William Wertheim, editor-in-chief; associate editors, Georgianna Jahelka and Jill Considine; and art editor, Pam Pollakoff, will print Tildenites' original poetry, prose, and art work. This year the editors hope to include a musical composition, a poem in a foreign language, and some photography. Students may submit their work to *Caravan's* faculty adviser, Mr. Kerner, in room 211.

*Caravan* will be distributed free of charge to all G.O. members.

*The Aristonian*, Arista's humor magazine, is distributed to all Arista members at the end of January. The editors-in-chief are Georgianna Jahelka and Robert Kessler, assisted by Joy Norflus, Adrienne Rosenberg, and Annette Smolowitz.

The magazine will contain satires about Aristonians and events in the honor society. All Aristonians may submit their articles to Mr. Gold, the faculty adviser.

Hopefuls for the office of Secretary are Jacqueline Brower 7F, Henrietta Margolis 7W, and Barbara Smolansky 7N. Jacqueline was active in Senior Sing. Henrietta has lent her services to *Polyglot* as French Editor, and Barbara was Senior Sing Chairman.

Candidates for Treasurer are Cara Brownfeld 7Y, and Jane Goren 7T. Jane is Spanish Editor of *Polyglot* and a member of the art staffs of *Caravan* and *Aristonian*. Cara, a member of *Topics*, was chairman of the Scenery Committee in Sr. Sing.

All the students, to qualify for a senior office, had to have a cumulative scholastic average of 85%, forty or more service credits and a cumulative character rating of 2 B's or better. Candidates had to secure the signatures of ten faculty members recommending their candidacy.

The Senior Class will be able to meet and judge the candidates during an assembly program in which they will give their election speeches on Feb. 8.

### Longfellows Elect Schatz, Goldstein

Longfellows elections for the spring term resulted in the appointments of Walter Schatz, Robert Goldstein, Harvey Handel, and Larry Gottlieb as president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the society, respectively.

Walter, who previously held the position of vice-president, succeeds Irwin Pashkin to the presidency. Robert, former Longfellow treasurer, replaces the new president in his capacity as vice-president. Harvey is filling the office previously held by Harold Sweet and Larry succeeds Robert Goldstein as treasurer. Mr. Stracher will retain his position of faculty adviser.

The Longfellows function as a service organization. They act as ushers at school functions such as Sing, concerts and special assemblies and are in the color guard on assembly days.

Any male student of Tilden who has reached the fifth term, is at least five feet, eleven inches tall, and has an overall average of about 75% is eligible for candidacy.



## From the Principal:

## TRY BEING YOURSELF!

My dear students:

One of the major trends of the last generation is the increasing absorption of the individual by the group. William H. Whyte, in his "Organization Man," documents this ably in a book of prime importance. He shows how the former stress on the individual is being replaced by a new emphasis on the corporation, the labor union, the scientific team, and on mass education. We are becoming, he feels, a nation of faceless people in which the watchword is "obedience and conformity." Now obedience and conformity are very desirable qualities in their place. One should, of course, conform to the laws of the society, because these make for safer, richer, and more civilized living. To be a nonconformist merely for the sake of being different is obviously foolish.

However, there is a large area within which the individual should assert his individuality. His unique and honest deviations from accepted thinking must not be stifled by worrying about "what the Joneses will think." Too many ideas are accepted by people because they fear being labeled eccentric. According to current practice, doing what one is told and conforming to prevailing opinion, are the proper means of advancing to the promised land of economic or professional success. There is, as a consequence, a leveling off of individual initiative.

This trend toward the absorption of the individual by the group is a dangerous one. In the process the individual is giving up his opportunity to create in his own uniquely individual way, simply in order to be able to bask comfortably in the sunshine of social approval. I would therefore say to you: Dare to be different provided that it is not simply cantankerousness for the purpose of attracting attention. Dare to have opinions of your own provided they are grounded on knowledge and information. Dare to buck the tide of majority opinion if you are convinced that the majority is wrong. In short, be yourself rather than a robot.

Cordially yours,  
Abraham Margolies  
Principal

## Tilden Talks:

## SING POLICY DISPUTED

Reluctantly I must observe that the judges at Sing seem to be influenced by tradition rather than the individual merit of each production.

Soph Sing lost to *Juniors in Ice-olation* by the slim margin of two points. This announcement was met by the surprise and indignant outrage of many of our student body, parents, and faculty. This marked reaction indicates something amiss in the scoring methods, selection of judges, and perhaps in the capabilities of the judges themselves.

Apparently the senior class inevitably wins each year. The juniors almost invariably place second, perhaps because they lose in their sophomore year and thus they must be encouraged to continue. Thus, the sophs lose; the industry and creativity producing a great Sing like *Soph Sleuths* is wasted, poured down the drain.

If this policy continues in the future, Sing might just as well be dropped from the agenda of the year's activities. We must remember that half the hard work and talent is expended with the anticipation of a possible victory. If these victories remain pre-determined, Sing loses its special charm.

Daniel Cohen

All I can say, as faculty adviser of Sing, is that the competition is not rigged, there is no predetermination of the result, and the judges are chosen by Central Sing. Sooner or later the "traditional" pattern will be broken by a really active, talented class—perhaps Danny Cohen's.

Mr. Alfred Weil

## Aspiring Collegians Set Normalcy Trend

A brigade of Tilden seniors, Harvard-Radcliffe rejects, advanced towards Brooklyn College's Whitman Hall for their guidance test. When they entered the auditorium, they were quite confident of their normalcy.

Situated a seat apart, to avoid eye-strain, the sub-freshmen were informed of the five hour exam's contents. The latter part of the test, a psychological quiz, probed the blank subconscious minds of the applicants (at last count Tilden has 43 neurotics, 5 psychotics, and 8 paranoids).

Four selected questions and answers will now be revealed:

- Q. "Do you like to throw snowballs?"  
A. "Yes."  
Q. "Do you like to get wet?"  
A. "No."  
Q. "Do you like a neat room?"  
A. "Yes."  
Q. "Do you hang up your clothes?"  
A. "No."

In the final psychological analysis, the general consensus was that if you are not a Tildenite, you're not normal.

## Seniors Wail:

## "I Don't Wanna Leave"

This is being printed as a concluding article to a series published in *Readers Digest* entitled "The Most Unforgivable Error I Have Ever Made." Four eighth termers have been interrogated and tearfully they have confessed that as callow juniors they thought the extra six months of school was a "dum move." At that time, the prospects of joining Brooklyn College or the mercenary business world seemed much more exciting than more test tremors, late slips, and the cafeteria's tuna fish.

As the date of graduation looms ominously nearer, however, strange despondant cries of "I don't wanna leave; I like Tilden. I don't wanna leave" can be heard at any time, any day coming from the general direction of the senior bulletin board. Also such unusual statements as "swimming isn't so bad even though my hair gets stringy," or "I even enjoyed detention" is common among these soon-to-be-alumni.

"You hardly ever realize," our saddened seniors stated, "that until you receive your cloche style senior beany, red wax paper carnation, and 'My name is—' pin, how much your school really means to you."

So, if any eighth termers you know flunk his Regents and can't graduate, please realize it's not that he didn't know his work. It's that sudden surge of school spirit; loyalty to old Tilden High. He will continue in that "glorious" tradition of all eighth termers: "never passed H.I.B., never intend to." So, as the sun sets on this series, we find our hero still gallantly struggling to fail lunch.

Sharon Yellin

## By Portia Shapiro

To the average commuter (me), a jaunt between Utica Avenue and Times Square, via the subway, is of a conventional nature. However, on several occasions I unsuspectingly embark on my journey, only to discover that I would not arrive at my destination by IRT.

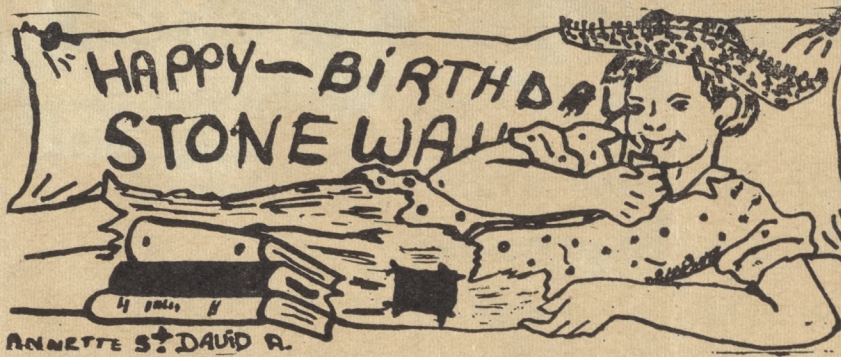
One such incident occurred on a north-bound Seventh Avenue Express. The train, crowded with student vacationists (including myself), raced on towards Manhattan at its usual rate of ten miles per hour. As it stopped at Clark Street station, I remarked that a grayish haze was engulfing the platform.

Moments later that so-called haze, actually smoke (not the tobacco variety), started seeping into the train. The fumes forced a mass exodus of passengers to the platform. I wandered aimlessly until a fellow passenger stumbled upon the staircase. We ascended to the upper level, only to be faced by closed elevator doors. The Clark Street station does not have stairways to the street.

I searched for another exit, I cut through the thick blanket of smoke, and found a door marked "emergency stairway." With a last burst of energy, we climbed up the spiral staircase, where we were met by a Transit Authority representative, who furnished us with train transfers. After a few gulps of New York's fresh polluted air we continued on our trip—by BMT.

At my journey's end, I can only conclude that Portia faced life in Tilden, but Tilden faced life with Portia. Now I take the transfer to a new life, college. But first I bid my fond farewell to my colleagues, to *Topics* and above all to Tilden—adieu.

## Tilden Yanks Celebrate Civil War Centennial



Sammy J. Tilden is one of an illustrious line of soldiers, sailors, statesman and schizophrenics. Why, his great-uncle, on his mother's side, was none other than Colonel "Cotton Pickin'" Chicken Smith. As any layman knows, besides being the fastest tobacco picker (he may have been a tobacco picker but cotton picker rhymes better), he was also an aid to General Stonewall Jackson. Jackson, of course, got his nickname because his wife used too much starch in his collars, but that's another story.

Anyway, this month is Old Starched Shirt's birthday and, because of the close connection, Sammy figures to do it up in style. Overlooking how his great-uncle got his middle name, it seems when Stonewall was standing, Chicken was running; Sammy feels proud of his heritage. The school should also go along in this celebration, following in the slightly wobbly footsteps of our beloved leader (How was your New Year's Eve Party?)

However, since this is also Civil War Centennial Year, Tilden should go a step further and celebrate the whole Southern part in the Civil War. Under the direction of a new school department, The Department of Misguidance and Anti-Northern Activities, the school would really have a great time (yas suh!).

First, instead of milk, only mint juleps would be served in the cafeteria. Besides lending a "southern air" to Tilden, this might also brighten the outlook of students to the school. Secondly, a school play could be put on. As the school band plays "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of Orville Faubus," an actual reenactment of the Battle of Chicken Run could take place. Unfortunately, since only live ammunition could be used, the play could run for only one night. Thirdly, in classes, the glorious southern institution of the filibuster would be instated. Everybody knows that teachers are an unconstitutional menace, contrary to the rights of free speech of students, guaranteed by the first, fifth and ninety-third amendments to the Constitution. Though certain "liberal" teachers might protest, the filibuster would insure to all sovereign students, "students' rights," as guaranteed by the Constitution. Students, instead of taking tests, could spend hours in class arguing the merits of tests.

Lastly, as a final step, another southern custom could be established. Teachers could stay only on the right side of the school building, students only on the left side. Save your Confederate money, students; Tilden will rise again!

Robert Kessler

## What's Cooking in Cafeteria?—Nothunnus Allisonic, Of Course

Contrary to popular belief, it has recently been proven that the staff of our cafeteria is not headed by the three weird sisters. It happens, in fact, to be headed by a group of very gastronomically inclined people dedicated to the proposition that all students should be fed nutritiously. But for Tildenites the proper diet is based on an unlimited quantity of Nothunnus Allisonic (tuna fish in Latin).

## Seventy Pounds A Day!

In an exclusive interview with Mrs. Yvonne Mathes, head dietician, the true facts about the tuna mania were released. Not only does our cafeteria sell more tuna than any other food, but our school consumes more tuna than any other high school in the City of New York. Tildenites devour more than seventy pounds of tuna a day.

Outstanding in Mrs. Mathes' mind was the day last November when our Japanese Tuna Fish delivery was late. Howls and screams barred, the students managed to survive.

The teenagers' diet may be

thoroughly lacking in the spice of life, but due to intelligent advertising it has been beautifully packaged. It may be packed in white with a bumble bee,



or blue with a mermaid. It may have an autographed picture of Smoky the Salmon on the back. The package need not be attractive, its only purpose is to capture he subconscious, and maybe you, too, will become a tunic derdessive. JoAnn Rothman



By Seymour Safransky

What are the odds? What are the odds of your reading this column, for example? I'd hate to find out, but I have found out a few oddities which may amaze you . . . For instance . . .

The odds are 120 to 1 against a pupil being present every day of the term . . . The more intelligent people are, the less they lie—but odds are 97 in 100 you lie occasionally . . . Will you get to be a Longfellow? . . . The average height for men is 5'8½"—The odds against a six-footer are 13 to 1 . . . There's a definite connection between how fast you read and your intelligence. If you'd like to see how smart you are, read aloud at your normal rate and time it. If you hit 200 words or less a minute you are not so good; up to 250, average; up to 450, good; over 500, sensational; over 650, phenomenal; over 1,000, endsville man!!! . . . Nine out of ten people are superstitious, are you? . . . The odds are 1,300 to 1 against you being expelled from school—so, why worry? . . . It's one to four you bite your nails. The reason? It's symptom of tension or distress . . .

What are the odds that you're a poor speller? . . . Just even. A Gallup Poll found out that one out of every two people could put the letters of words in the right places. These common words were used on the test: *magazine, sandwich, calamity, deceive, kerosene, cauliflower, parallel, accelerator, picnicking, penitentiary*. If you can write eight out of these ten words correctly you are a good speller . . .

Odds are 10 to 1 you'll break your New Year's resolutions. Only one of eleven can hold out for a year . . . It's at least 155 to 1 that you don't know the Morse Code . . . *Travelers* . . . The chance are 60 to 1 you have never been in an airplane and 17 to 1 you don't own a bicycle . . . Odds are that one out of every three families in America has a dog or a cat in the home . . .

If you're home in the evening and you own a T.V. set the odds are 3 to 2 it's being used . . . *Breath Easy* . . . The chance of your flunking any particular subject are 19 to 1 that you won't . . . If you live on this planet the odds are 3 to 2 you are illiterate (Of course, this doesn't apply to Tildenites, since they are out of this world).

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## ON THE SIDELINES

with  
Jill Considine  
and  
Arnold Fleischer

Ronnie Bley, Tilden's fantastic running back, has just acquired some new honors. Already acclaimed as the greatest back in New York City history, Ronnie has been named to *Teen Magazine's* high school All-American team. *Teen* has chosen five regional teams, from which the All-Americans were picked. Ron was also picked for *Scholastic Magazine's* squad.

## A Question of Judgment

In the recent game against Wingate, Tilden's basketball team lost by a score of 45-40, after having led 28-21 at half time. During the second half, the referees called eleven fouls against the *Blue Devils*, as to only one for Wingate. This column is not meant to be a "sore loser's" gripe story, and I do not wish to detract from the performance of the Wingate team, but when such a disproportionate number of fouls is called, something is definitely amiss, to say the least. I hope that in the future, officials will try to be a bit more judicious in making their decisions.

## Bowling Blunders

The bowling team recently found itself in first place in its division, because of disqualifications of its competitors. Unfortunately, however, the Tilden keggers were themselves disqualified the following day, ending their brief good fortune. . . . Mr. Ginsberg, the team's coach, announced that Harvey Schectman had received the Most Valuable Player Award.

In the Athletic Awards Assembly of January 5, Ron Bley got the football M.V.P. award. Captain Stu Medow of the tennis team received similar honors for his play on the *Racquetmen*.

## Teammates and Roommates Brought Together As Teachers

Few people realize that there are two basketball coaches at Tilden. There is, of course, Mr. Jerry Gold, who was a fine backcourt player at C.C.N.Y. from 1951-1953, and who now is the mentor of the Tilden *Blue Devils*. But there is also Mr. Jerry Domershick of the Accounting Department, who is the coach of C.C.N.Y.'s freshman squad.

A backcourt performer like Mr. Gold, Mr. Domershick played for CCNY



Mr. Domershick, left, and Mr. Gold, right (in one of his familiar poses).

from 1950-1954 and captained the team for three years. As a junior, he was named to the second team All-Metropolitan Area squad, and he achieved first team honors a year later. Moreover, in 1954, Mr. Domershick played in the East-West game, in which participated such stars as Bob Pettit, Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey, Johnny Kerr, and Richie Guerin. He later played professionally with the Milwaukee (now St. Louis) Hawks.

Mr. Gold also has had his share of honors, receiving the Weisman Award for team leadership, sportsmanship, and fidelity. Nevertheless, he claims that his chief distinction was that he was the only married man on the City College team. "And naturally," he says, tongue-in-cheek, "without my help, Mr. Domershick would never have been so good."

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# Goldmen Mangle Westinghouse After Upset Defeat By Wingate

Coach Jerry Gold's strong Tilden basketball team got back on the winning trail with a tight 61-60 non-league victory over Sheepshead Bay on December 20. Bobby Kranz, with a brilliant all-around game led the *Goldmen* with 21 points and was followed by Richie Eigen, Wayne Rosen, and Billy Goldstein with 16, 10 and 9 points respectively.

Using the fast break to fine advantage, Tilden surged to a four point halftime lead, 31-27, after trailing at the end of the first period by a point. Bobby Kranz was able to score continually on driving layups and foul shots off the drives, as he accumulated 13 of his 21 points from the foul line. Bobby's driving also brought the defense in, and left the corners open, where Richie Eigen and Rosen were hitting well.

With Ira Wechsler and Billy Goldstein, scoring several key points after intermission, Tilden owned a commanding 47-40 lead entering the final period. However, the Skippers fought back, and led by the scoring of Rico Petrocelli, went ahead 57-56 with two minutes to play. But here, as he does so often, Bobby Kranz, Tilden's outstanding candidate for first team City



Eye on the basket, Billy Mirkin sinks a long one.

came to the rescue. Bobby dropped in three free throws, then added a field goal with 30 seconds to play to give Tilden an insurmountable 61-58 lead which insured victory.

Following that, the *Goldmen* got back into league play, and trampled a weak Alexander Hamilton team, 75-38. Billy Goldstein, with one of his

best performances of the campaign, led the *Blue Devils* in scoring with 23 points and in rebounds at 16. Bobby Kranz and Billy Mirkin also hit double figures with 16 and 10 points.

In the long awaited game with Wingate on January 4, the *Goldmen* were ruefully upset for the second time this season by the *Generals*, and all playoff hopes were temporarily killed. Blending a combination of defensive strength on the backboards and very inadequate refereeing (11 fouls were called on Tilden the 2nd half compared to one for Wingate). Wingate managed to squeeze out a 45-40 victory.

Bobby Kranz, Arnie Schanker and Billy Goldstein, who notched 15, 8 and 8 points per man, scored well in the first half to give Tilden a 28-21 advantage, and it looked like an easy Tilden victory. However, with their regulars shackled with fouls, Tilden could not keep up their pace in the second half.

The *Goldmen* got back on the win trail with an overwhelming 77-48 decision over Westinghouse. The victory gave the *Blue Devils* an enviable 8-3 record.

## Tilden Clouts Midwood 60-50

Tilden (60)			
Totals	F.G.	F.T.	Pts.
Eigen.....	7	4-4	18
Kranz.....	2	10-14	14
Rosen.....	4	4-7	12
Goldstein.....	1	2-5	4
Mirkin.....	3	0-1	6
Scanker.....	0	1-1	1
Wechsler.....	2	1-1	5
Kamin.....	0	0-1	0

Midwood (50)			
Totals	F.G.	F.T.	Pts.
Kushnick.....	1	3-4	5
Markey.....	1	1-5	3
Mirkin.....	0	4-7	4
Spatter.....	5	2-2	12
Hellman.....	6	8-9	20
Leder.....	1	0-0	2
Salmonson.....	0	4-6	4

## Mermen Crush Hamilton 62-8 In Seniors' Finale

Tilden's *Mermen* closed out their season by walloping Alexander Hamilton, 62-8. The victory was even more resounding that it appears, since Coach De Fronza used his second-string team in most of the events. Graduating seniors on the team are Tom Garcia, Hank Garvin, Alan Kay, Leonard Levenberg (Richard Levinson, Joseph Parisi, Captain Joe Rost and Michael Strober.

In the Hamilton meet, *Mermen* came through with top placements in every event. The medley group of Ted Feldman, Don Foster, Ed Morgano, and Jim O'Brien finished first, while the relay team of Benjamin, Ehlin, Einhorn, and Sellinger also finished ahead of the field.

The results of the other divisions are as follows. Richard Rothbard and David Herzlinger took first and second places, respectively, in the 50 yard freestyle. In the 100 yard freestyle, Robert Broderick came in first, while Alan Kay took third place. Alan Wang and Salvatore Balisteri finished one-two in the breast stroke. Paul Irgang and Michael Cherbini also were one-two in the 200 yard freestyle. Alan Eliot and Kenny Strum placed first and second in the diving competition, and Gelband and Withner won the first and second positions in the backstroke.

This meet marked the last competition for the seniors, who include the team captain. Nevertheless, Coach De Fronza is hopeful for next season.

## Turfmen Finish In Third Place

Aft an excellent showing in the Bishop Loughlin meet where Robert Cope placed fourth in the novice division and Nick Ucci placed second in the Eastern Champs' 100 yard dash, Tilden's *Turfmen* took third place in their heat at the preliminary Millrose mile relay. Running for Tilden in their relay were Paul Golub, Stan Slotnick, and Captains Jim Bisbee and Fred Nocella.

This year's team looks quite good, and we're looking forward to some fine performances from Joe Bonica, Frank Ribaud, John Donnelly, Joe Barrone, Tony Foresta, and Anthony Angelo. The captains have high hopes for the team at the up and coming Cardinal Hayes and St. Francis meets.

Track is a year round sport, starting in the fall with cross-country, continuing through the winter with indoor meets an ending in late spring with outdoor meets. Tilden's track team has always placed well in its divisions and many of its runners are well known in the east. Unfortunately, too many of the Tildenites don't appreciate this team. At the next meet, we hope to see a large turnout. Why not come down and cheer our runners on?

Arnie Schanker, a 6', 180 lb. senior and co-captain of Coach Jerry Gold's strong Tilden basketball team, is one of the top backcourt men in New York City.

Arnie, who teams with Bobby Kranz to give the *Goldmen* the top backcourt in the PSAL, is averaging a very respectable 14 ppg and is second high scorer on the team. Arnie's best shot is a deadly jump shot, which he hits with amazing accuracy from about 20 feet out.

His best game of the season was an 18 point spree against Jefferson, when Tilden came back from a half time deficit to post a thrill-packed 70-69 double overtime victory. Arnie contributed 14 of those 18 points in the second half.

Arnie feels that his greatest thrill since being on the team were Tilden's two victories over Erasmus last season. Arnie played a big part in these wins with a total of 18 points and excellent floor games.

After graduation from Tilden, Arnie would like to attend Boston University, and continue his basketball playing. As of this writing, Arnie is out of the lineup with an injured back, but should be back by the time this issue is published.

Thus far, Arnie has received offers from Western Maryland College, which indicates the regard for his play.

## Through the Hoop

The other co-captain of Coach Gold's squad is 6'3", 190 lb. senior Billy Goldstein, the club's top rebounder and third highest scorer with a fine 11 ppg mark.

Billy played the best game of his Tilden career and received his greatest thrill simultaneously when his 19 point haul and strong rebounding made it possible for Tilden to outlast Jefferson 70-69 in double overtime earlier this season.

At the outset of last season, Billy was lightly regarded, but through constant hard and solid work, he earned himself a starting position. Coming down the stretch, Billy played excellent ball, particularly in the 59-51 victory Tilden posted over Erasmus for the Garden berth, when he chipped in eight points and did a remarkable defensive job against Bill Cunningham, and against Washington in the Garden, when Bill's 10 points, nine in the first quarter, opened up a commanding lead and paved the way for a 55-43 Tilden triumph.

Although Tilden has been upset twice by Wingate this season, Billy refused to count the *Goldmen* out as a playoff hopeful and said that anything can happen in the next few weeks. After graduation, Billy would like to attend Maryland or Wagner and continue his basketball playing.

—Bob Silver





## INSIDE TILDEN

A. Gmarnoff

By Susan Rothberg and Leonard Zwerling

A perceptive student once read a book entitled "War and Peace," and read and read *READ*. He reached page 2,363 and stopped short. "This is the end!", he exclaimed. So it is that we too must sever the bonds of communication we share with you and call it quits!

It has been a rather short, but full term. We have had a great deal of fun writing this column and stepping on other people's toes, but there comes a time when we must end this foolishness. The spring term will bring two new faces to brighten up the backpage, and our smiling visages will vanish into oblivion. Before we close our last column, let us once more relate to you just what we can about our fair school.



Mr. Irgang

### We Goof Again!

In our previous issue, we left out the pictures of Mr. Irgang and Miss Lane from the story of "Tilden's Teacher-Pedagogues." May we present them now, Mr. Irgang on your left, and on your right Miss Lane.

### Hebrew Youth Center

The Congregation Beth Israel of East Flatbush has a Youth Center Program that is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 7:30 P.M. to 9 P.M. There are clubs for boys and girls of various ages. Groups are now being formed for teen-agers 15-17 years old. If you are interested in this worth-while, leisure time activity, go to the Congregation Beth Israel of East Flatbush, 660 Remsen Avenue and Avenue A. See David Rosenthal, the Youth Director.

30 — 30 — 30 (for the last time)

As has been our custom in writing this column, we are ending with "30-30-30" which, in journalistic jargon, means "the end."

The French have a good way of saying things that is very fitting to many situations. "Tout nouveau, tout beau" the French say, which means "A new broom sweeps clean." So it is with us. Next term some of our dear friends will leave us, bound for colleges and their careers. Nothing is as sad as the parting of relatives, but far more tearful than this, is the separation of two friends. Friendship is the mother of love, and should be treated as such.

So, as one friend to another, we say "Farewell!"



Mrs. Lane

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## Shakespeare Group Acts For Schools

The Board of Education has recently given permission to the Joseph Papp's Company to present some of the great Shakespearean dramas to the students of senior and junior high schools of the city.

Some members of the Board of Education were skeptical about giving their permission to the Papp's company to present the Shakespearean plays. This was nullified by the first showing, which was held on Monday, January tenth for the students of J.H.S. 13 in Manhattan. The students said they enjoyed the show greatly.

After two weeks of playing at the Heckscher Theatre, they will go on tour of the city's junior and senior high schools.

Mr. Papp hopes that as a result of the presentation the students of New York City's secondary schools will have a greater appreciation of Shakespearean drama.

## Home Economics Department Cooks Up Holiday Celebration

A brilliant Holiday Buffet, engineered by the Home Economics classes of Mrs. Lindquist, was held on Thursday, December 23.

The Buffet was prepared, catered, and conducted by the girls themselves. The affair offered the girls a chance to practice decorative and creative baking and serving. Under the direction of Mrs. Lindquist, they received training in baking techniques, proper manners, and the setting and serving of a buffet-type affair.

International-type recipes were well-represented. From Italy, Struffles (honey clusters), from Germany, a Bien Cooker (fruit cake), and some plain but delicious Jewish sponge cake. The magnificent centerpiece was made up of a 5 layer Christmas tree cake, two snowmen, one made of puffed rice and the other of popcorn, and three or four other creative

pieces. There were numerous delicacies interestingly displayed, but the spotlight was on the mystery cake.

The mystery cake, baked by Jill Fortmeyer, still remains a mystery. The recipe was given to Jill on her seventh birthday at which time she was sworn to secrecy. No one may know the contents, but the comments all sounded similarly favorable.

Another delight to behold, and even more delightful to drink, was the Holiday Ice Ring Punch. The punch, both attractive and thirst quenching, was made primarily of lemonade, ginger ale, and fruit.

Present at the buffet were Mr. Margolies, destined to be known as the man who cut the mystery cake, Miss Grand, Miss Sussman, Mrs. Zeifert, Miss Steiglitz, Miss Blumfield, Mr. Smallberg, Mrs. Bergman, Mr. Zahn, and members of *Tilden Topics*. The entire affair was ably described by Mr. Eustis when he said, after sampling various treats, "Excellent."

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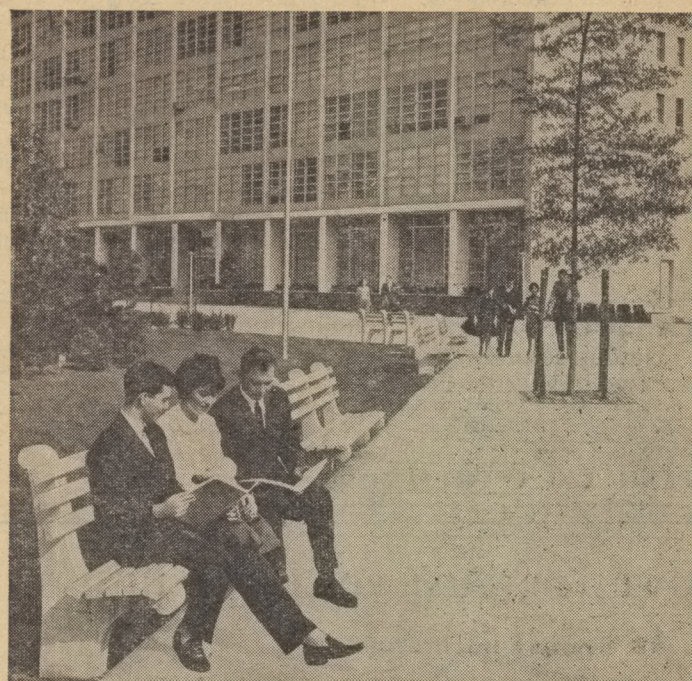
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